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SUBJ: BIOGRAPHIC INFORMATION: MICHEL PECQUEUR,  
NEW ADMINISTRATOR OF FRENCH ATOMIC ENERGY  
COMMISSION (CEA)

1. COUNCIL OF MINISTERS ON APRIL 12 CONFIRMED THE  
APPOINTMENT OF MICHEL PECQUEUR TO ADMINISTRATOR OF  
THE CEA. FOLLOWING IS BIOGRAPHIC INFORMATION ON  
PECQUEUR: PECQUEUR WAS BORN IN PARIS ON AUGUST 18,  
1931 AND EDUCATED AT ECOLE POLYTECHNIQUE AND ECOLE DES  
MINES. FROM 1958 TO 1964, HE WAS THE CEA ENGINEER  
RESPONSIBLE FOR THE PIERRELATTE ENRICHMENT PLANT  
DEVELOPMENT. FROM 1964 TO 1966 HE WAS TECHNICAL  
COUNSELOR TO THE GENERAL ADMINISTRATOR OF CEA. FROM  
1966 TO 1970 HE WAS ASSISTANT TO CEA DIRECTOR OF  
PRODUCTIONS - DIRECTOR DELEGATE FOR ENRICHED URANIUM.  
FROM 1970 TO 1974 HE WAS CEA DIRECTOR DELEGATE FOR  
NUCLEAR INDUSTRIAL APPLICATIONS - COMURHEX ADMINISTRATOR  
(SUBSIDIARY OF CEA DEALING WITH CONVERSION OF URANIUM  
INTO METAL AND HEXAFLUORIDE). FROM 1974 TO PRESENT  
HE WAS DEPUTY GENERAL ADMINISTRATOR OF CEA. HE IS ALSO  
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A MEMBER OF THE ADVISORY COMMISSION FOR THE PRODUCTION  
OF NUCLEAR ELECTRICITY.

2. COMMENT: PECQUEUR IS WELL KNOWN TO THE EMBASSY  
SCIENCE OFFICE. IN 1974 PECQUEUR WAS HAND PICKED BY  
GIRAUD TO BECOME THE DEPUTY ADMINISTRATOR AND TO BE  
PREPARED TO TAKE OVER LEADERSHIP OF CEA IN THE

EVENT THAT GIRAUD MOVED ON TO ANOTHER  
ASSIGNMENT. PECQUEUR KNOWS THE ENTIRE OPERATION OF  
CEA AND, MORE IMPORTANTLY, WORKS VERY CLOSELY AND IN  
COMPLETE AGREEMENT WITH ANDRE GIRAUD. THUS, WITH  
GIRAUD MINISTER OF INDUSTRY AND RESPONSIBLE FOR CEA,  
WE WILL FIND NO SIGNIFICANT CHANGE IN THE OPERATIONS  
OR PHILOSOPHY OF CEA ACTIVITIES. WE SHOULD  
FIND, HOWEVER, A MORE STRAIGHTFORWARD AND AMERICAN  
BUSINESSLIKE APPROACH WHEN WE ARE DEALING DIRECTLY WITH

PECQUEUR. HE IS WELL DISPOSED TO COOPERATION WITH THE  
US, BELIEVES IT ESSENTIAL FOR THE VITALITY OF CEA,  
ALTHOUGH HE WILL NOT LOSE SIGHT OF COMMERCIAL BENEFIT  
FOR CEA IN ANY COOPERATIVE UNDERTAKING.  
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